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HEARINGS SET TO START IN LATE SEPTEMBER IN LACLEDE GAS COMPANY RATE CASE

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission will begin hearings on **September 26, 2005** in a natural gas rate case filed by Laclede Gas Company. These hearings, to be held in the Commission's hearing room located in the Governor Office Building (200 Madison Street, Jefferson City), are scheduled to continue through October 7, 2005, if necessary.

The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Laclede Gas Company filed a natural gas rate case with the PSC on February 18, 2005, seeking to increase annual revenues by approximately \$34 million (4.1%). The increase for a residential customer using natural gas for heating would be approximately \$4.00 a month.

Applications to formally intervene and participate in the case must be filed no later than March 15, 2005, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: Michael C. Pendergast, 720 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Public Service Commission. Individual customers wishing to comment or secure information may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857.

Laclede Gas Company serves approximately 630,000 natural gas customers in the City of St. Louis as well as the Missouri counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Butler, Iron, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve.